

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

United States patent ~~4,684,143~~ 4,690,134 to Snyders discloses a Ventricular Assist device with a collapsible outer shell. Such a device may be installed with minimal trauma to the patient. Additional reference may be had to United States patents 5,169,381 and 5,256,132 also to Snyders.